

**Reporter: Senator, this morning the president said that China ought to investigate the Bidens. Do you agree that they ought to investigate the Bidens?**

Sen. Ron Johnson: I want to find out what happened during 2016. If there's wrongdoing, if there's potential criminal activity -- the President of the United States is our chief law enforcement officer. We have proper agreements with countries to investigate potential crimes, so I don't think there's anything improper about doing that. So that'd be my answer. I don't know what may or may not have happened with China and the Bidens, but I think an awful lot of those investigations can actually occur here in America.

**Reporter: So you have no problem with China investigating a Democratic candidate for president?**

Johnson: It's not investigating that. If there is any kind of wrongdoing, it's perfectly appropriate for American law enforcement to go to different countries and say we have evidence of a potential crime. Obviously in this case, this doesn't look very good, but there are plenty of unanswered questions about what happened with Hunter Biden and his group in terms of attracting capital from China.

**Reporter: When you say 'doesn't look good' what are you referring to?**

Johnson: Well, again, I don't have all the information, so my main point throughout this is the American people have a right to know. Something wrong happened as it relates to politics in the 2016 election -- we have a right to know that. And quite honestly, I don't think Democratic primary voters know, if there's some scandal sitting outside there, whether it's in Ukraine between Vice President Biden's son or in China, I would think they'd want to know that before they start casting their ballots in the Democratic primary. Wouldn't that make sense, do you want that coming up during the campaign?

**Reporter: So do you trust China and Ukraine to investigate more than you do U.S. investigative authorities?**

Johnson: Pardon?

**Reporter: Do you trust China and the Ukraine to do a better...?**

Johnson: No. No, but sometimes you may need some information. You may need some access. You may need them to cooperate, with, for example, U.S. FBI agents going in there and investigate a potential crime. I'm not saying anything specific about a potential crime. And no, I don't trust China and the Ukraine any further than I can throw them at this point in time. They've been stealing our intellectual property. President Trump is right in trying to get them to comply with the world trading norms as well. So, no, from my own standpoint, the last people I'd ask to cooperate in investigating crimes would be China.

**Reporter: But you don't mind the president asking them --?**

Johnson: I'm saying I don't think there's anything improper about it. The chief law enforcement officer, if there's a potential crime, and I'm not saying there is, there's nothing improper about asking another government, where we have those types of investigative agreements with, to provide information for that investigation. That's the way things work. We have things like Interpol. Again, I'm not commenting on whether there's any wrongdoing here. I'm just not going to heap abuse.